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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A1 and A2 came to Applicants' attention during a search of a corresponding German application. A copy of the German Search Report is attached herewith.

Documents A3 and A5 were cited in a Office Action in a counterpart Chinese application. According to an English translation of the Chinese Office Action obtained by Applicants' representative, the Chinese Patent Office made certain characterizations of the references. The disclosure of these characterizations should not be construed as an admission of or agreement to the opinions expressed in the Chinese Office Action. An English language translation of the Chinese Office Action is attached herewith.

Documents A3 and A4 belong to the same "patent family," whereby the English language document may assist the PTO in understanding the content of the non-English language document.

Unless otherwise indicated, no English translation is readily available (not considering machine-generated translations that may be freely available online, to both the Applicant and the PTO) for each of the non-English language documents. However, a commercially available English language abstract is provided herewith, where indicated on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. Inasmuch as Applicants have endeavored to provide at least one item that complies with the requirement for a "concise explanation of relevance" for each of the non-

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Respectfully submitted,

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